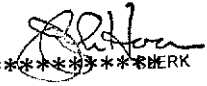


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN M. GEHRKE,
a/k/a John Walter Gehrke,

Defendant.

CR 05-40148

ORDER

Counsel for Defendant has filed a First Motion to Continue, Doc. 15, requesting the deadline for filing motions, the motion hearing, plea deadline, and the trial date be continued, and the Government has no objection. After consideration of the file in this matter, the Court finds that failure to grant the continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence and further that failure to grant the continuance would deny the public interest in bringing this case to trial in an orderly fashion. Further, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by continuing this trial outweigh the best interests of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial. For all of those reasons as well as those set forth in the Motion,

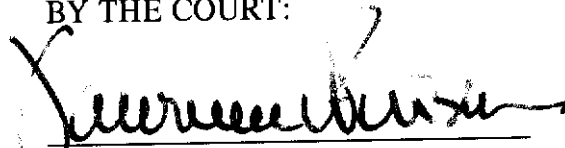
IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Defendant's First Motion to Continue, Doc. 15, is granted.
2. That all other motions as to Defendant be filed and served on or before March 7, 2006; that opposing counsel respond thereto on or before March 13, 2006; and that a hearing thereon will be held before The Honorable John E. Simko, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Monday, March 20, 2006, at 10:00 A.M.; and the Court will not consider a stock motion for leave to file further motions, however, the Court will consider a motion filed by a party after the deadline if the party can show good cause as to why the motion was late filed.

3. That March 22, 2006, is hereby set as the deadline for submission to the Court of any proposed plea agreement by Defendant.
4. That all motions in limine shall be in writing and filed, together with proposed instructions, with the Court ten (10) working days before trial.
5. That the jury trial herein shall commence in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, with counsel to be present for motions in limine at 9:00 A.M., and with the jury to report at 9:30 A.M.
6. That the period of delay resulting from such continuance is excluded in computing the time within which the trial of the offense for the Defendant must commence, as the Court finds that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interests of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A).

Dated this 17th day of February, 2006.

BY THE COURT:


Lawrence L. Piersol
United States District Judge

ATTEST:
JOSEPH HAAS, CLERK

BY: Shelly Margulies
DEPUTY